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1. The Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU, Federation of University Students) has issued a manifesto to the Cuban public stating that the FEU will continue to oppose the BATISTA "dictatorship," but that it will maintain its independence from any political organization.
2. This stand is not endorsed by the more radical members of the student body of Habana University, such as the Juventud Socialista (JS, Cuban Communist Youth Organization), the Movimiento Nacional Revolucionario (MNR), the Asociacion de Amigos de Aureliano (AAA, Association of Friends of Aureliano), the Ortodoxos, and the Liberacion Nacional.¹
3. Until the present, the neutral policy of the FEU president, German MORE, has kept the divisions within the FEU working as one. The AAA, however, has not given up the hope of gaining control of the university students. The AAA candidates and sympathizers accepted the presidency of MORE as a compromise candidate, with the intent of forcing him to resign. If through threats this is accomplished, the leadership will probably go to Jose A. ECHEVERRIA, who is the AAA leader in the FEU.²

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1. This policy does please, however, a large number of students, who would like the university to keep completely aloof from political problems.
2. The AAA followers boast that if ECHEVERRIA gets control of the student movement, "this school year will not be finished."

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